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TRANSMITTAL OF AMENDMENT

SIR:

Please find an Amendment transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application, in response to an Office Action dated October 3, 2002.

No fee is believed necessary (the three-month shortened statutory period ending January 3, 2003). The Commissioner is authorized, as appropriate and/or necessary, to charge any additional fees (including any other Rule 136(a) extension fees) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed for those purposes.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002, please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend without prejudice the second full paragraph on page 12, lines 14-18, of the Substitute Specification as follows:

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--In place of two cylinder windings of fiber 3 as shown in Figure 2A, the fiber 6 can also be routed over more cylinders, i.e., four cylinders 7, 8, 9, 10. This is shown in Figure 2B. In the case of Figure 2B, right-hand and left-hand loops alternate, each characterized by R or L.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend without prejudice claims 18, 19, 21, and 23 to 25 as follows:

18. (Amended) An optical communications link comprising:

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an optical fiber for transmitting information, the optical fiber having a plurality of fiber sections, each fiber section of the plurality of fiber sections being configured to have at least one of a right-hand curvature and a left-hand curvature, the optical fiber being bent repeatedly